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Applicant: Cain et al.  
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For: Apparatus and Method for Establishing Communications Between Two Applications  
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Examiner: Zhen, Li

RESPONSE

BOX AMENDMENT  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the below amendments and response to the Office Action for the above referenced case, dated August 15, 2002.

Remarks

Claims 1-36 are pending. Reconsideration and re-examination of these claims in respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and below remarks.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10, 11, 13-15, 17-19, 22, 23, 25-27, 29-31, 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over DeHart U.S. Patent No. 5,517,636.

U.S. Patent No. 5,517,636, DeHart:

DeHart describes "a method and system for a computer program to accomplish communication in a computer environment which is independent of the system upon which the program is executing ..." (Abstract). As shown in Figure 1, and described in column 4, lines 25 – 67 through column 5, line 8 of DeHart (in part):

"... The architecture of the disclosed invention is divided into three logical levels ... The topmost level 10 is referred to as the accessory or application level... The middle

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